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2. After MALAVIN's first staff meeting, YEFIMOV, successor to KROLEVSKI as chief of the German Properties Division of USIA, told members of his staff that their work would no longer be concerned with minor matters; he also confirmed previous instructions to concentrate on developing "easily accessible values." Apparently trying to trace leads to profitable claims, he questioned Austrian case officers regarding the status of Teerag A.G. at Marxergasse 20, Vienna III; Salzburger Aluminium G.m.b.H. at Lend, Vianova Bauaktiengesellschaft at Argentiniersgrasse 2, Vienna IV, and the Linzer Kies-Moertel- u. Betonwerke G.m.b.H. in Lins. He also showed considerable interest in large generators belonging to the Salzburger Aluminium electric plants which were lent by them to the Klammsstein Works and the Kitzloch Works. [REDACTED] Comment: Both are subsidiaries of Salzburger Aluminium in Land Salzburg.) [REDACTED] Comment: The above-named firms were apparently leads given to YEFIMOV by an office in the Hotel Imperial. In questioning his Austrian employees about these firms YEFIMOV revealed that he was completely uninformed as to what, and where, the firms are. He indicated, for example, that a possible basis for Soviet claims on the Linzer Kies-Moertel- u. Betonwerke is the fact that the company obtains gravel from the bed of the Danube. The reason for his interest in the generators belonging to the Salzburger Aluminium Company is not known.)

3. Since his return, MALAVIN has requested the following information from the 1st District Section of the German Properties Division:

- a. A list of all firms in Vienna I with part German ownership.
- b. The amounts owed by the various firms in Vienna I to German creditors.

- c. A list of cases in which the status of German property was changed by Austrian Government intervention. Comment: This refers to those ~~passports in which~~ the Austrians attempted to conceal German ownership by changing records or by other devices.) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

4. WANEK, Austrian real estate expert employed by the German p

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all cases now pending, WANEK, Austrian real estate expert employed by the German Properties Division, estimated that it would require approximately five months to complete the 3,500 cases being investigated. Comment: It is not known whether or not the estimate was satisfactory to YEFIMOV.)

5. The Soviet Element of the Allied Council was to have investigated the following firms in Vienna I during December 1948:

Armaturen- u. Roehrenhandels Ges. Schmitz and Company

Wiener Tuchhaus (formerly Zeller and Company), wholesaler, Rudolfsplatz 6.

Vereinigte Textilwerke, K.H. Barthel and Company (formerly Heinz Klinger).

Nicolai E.v. & Company, bankers.

Suedosttextil Ges.m.b.H.

Österreichische Keramik A.G. (100 percent Creditanstalt-owned)

BEAG-Bata, Ein- und Ausfuhrgesellschaft m.b.H.

~~Österreichische~~ Europäische Handels-Ges. Brand and Company.

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Comment: Firms listed above are the more important names on a list of 92 firms, which was discovered by Lt. Col. IVANOV, second in command of the Soviet Vienna garrison, in cleaning his files prior to going to the USSR on September 1948. The list, now over six months old, includes names of firms in which western nationals have some interest and in which the respective western powers appointed Austrian administrators without consulting the Soviet Element. The list was originally compiled to form the basis for a Soviet protest in the Allied Council, and as it does not involve Soviet property claims, may be used for nuisance value only.)

6. The Reparations Division, Hotel Imperial, is studying a list drawn up in Poland during the war, of Austrian firms and government and city offices which received booty taken by the Germans in Russia and forwarded to Austria via Poland. ADAMOV, of the Soviet Element Reparations Division, is particularly interested in tracing electrical equipment, including generators and cables, shipped from Russia to Radiowerk Horny A.G., Giselbergasse 11, Vienna XV, which is now being used, for the most part, by the Vienna City Administration in the city's power plants. Comment: Colonel ANDREEV replaced Col. BORISOV as head of the Reparations Division some time ago.)

7. On the afternoon of 14 December 1948, a series of conferences began at the Hotel Imperial for all Soviet department and section heads of USIA. The meetings had not adjourned by the evening of 15 December. Comment: The commotion caused in USIA by these meetings would indicate that the problems under consideration are more far-reaching than those normally discussed at end-of-the year conferences.)

8. The Soviet director of Brown-Boveri has also assumed the position of director of USIA-controlled Siemens-Schuckert plants. Comment: This is another indication of the trend toward consolidation and reduction of the number of Soviet USIA plant directors.)

9. Since the beginning of December 1948, Soviet technicians have been sorting German airplane parts stored in various USIA warehouses and old hangars, and collecting parts for as many complete airplanes as possible. Comment: Informant claims he saw several complete planes which were assembled at Fischamend. The attempt to salvage the planes is believed to be a confirmation of the USIA trend toward liquidation of all ready assets.)

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10. ~~Series of submarines and parts of~~
submarines still remaining at Waagner-Biro and Wiener-Brueckenbau for ship-
ment to the USSR.

11. The large order for heavy winches recently placed with 13 USIA firms has
been paid for by the Soviets at the rate of 36,000 schillings per winch.
The first shipments of completed winches were inspected and accepted by a
general from the Soviet Ministry of War. ~~Comment:~~ These winches
subject of frequent reports from various sources. See ~~See~~

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